



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department



April 7, 2023

## Department Updates

Spring has officially sprung, which means grass is turning green, tulips are blooming, and daylight is sticking around a little longer...but it also means: **WEEDS!** The **Street Department** has been treating all the flower beds and other landscape areas throughout the City with a pre-emergent product to **keep weeds at bay**. This will allow all of the **beautiful flowers we plant to grow and flourish!**

The **Water Department** has been busy *hopping* around downtown, assisting with the **Streetscape Project**. This week, they **inspected all buffalo boxes** (b-boxes) located within the scope of the project. B-boxes are used to turn water on and off to a property. The Water Department **ensured all the b-boxes are accessible and in working order**, as they will be used to turn off water so repairs can be completed during this project.

The **Sewer Department** continues to make **system improvements** across the treatment plant. This week, staff installed new **pressure gauges**, mounted new **fire extinguisher cabinets**, replaced broken **valves**, and rebuilt **exhaust fans**. These improvements are necessary to create an **efficient, safe, and user-friendly plant**.



## Project Updates

- **16<sup>th</sup> St and Madison St Reconstruction Project** - Water main boring will begin **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** on **Madison St** between **9th St and 10th St**. Residents are encouraged to find alternative routes to avoid these construction areas.

## Other News

- **IDOT IL Route 7 (9<sup>th</sup> Street) Resurfacing Project** will begin **Monday, April 17** with curb repair, storm structure and sewer repairs. Advanced warning signs are posted along the route. IDOT will be making roadway improvements along IL Route 7 (9<sup>th</sup> Street) from just west of Canal Street to just east of Read Street. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of July. Project updates and road closures can be found on their website: <https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/RoadConstruction/index.html>

